

## Italian Bean Soup

Rating: ★★★★

Makes: 18 servings

## Ingredients

1 can great northern beans (15 ounce)

1 can red kidney beans (15 ounce)

2 cans pinto beans (15 ounce)

**46 fluid ounces** tomato juice (or V-8 juice)

1 can Italian style or stewed tomatoes (15 ounce)

**1 can** vegetable broth, low-sodium (15 ounce)

1 can green beans (15 ounce, drained)

1 1/2 tablespoons Italian seasoning

1 onion (medium, chopped)

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

2 garlic clove (fresh)

## **Directions**

- 1. In a large pot, combine all ingredients.
- 2. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes.
- 3. Serve with Italian or French bread or whole-wheat rolls.

## **Notes**

Beans are a healthy high-fiber alternative to meat. Freeze leftovers in plastic sealed containers with 1/2-inch air space under the lid.

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Key Nutrients	Amount	% Daily Value
Total Calories	110	
Total Fat	0.5 g	1%
Protein	6 g	
Carbohydrates	21 g	7%
Dietary Fiber	6 g	24%
Saturated Fat	0 g	0%
Sodium	470 mg	20%